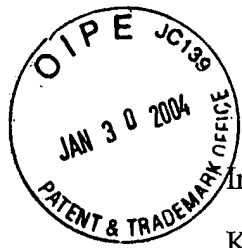


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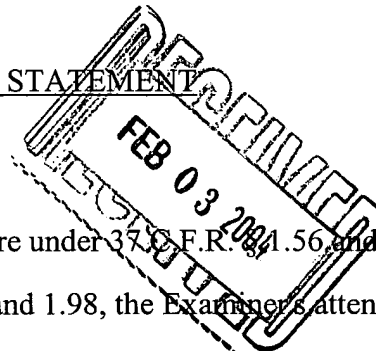
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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents, as well as the European Search Report citing these documents, are also enclosed.

To the best of Applicant's knowledge, a first Office Action has not yet been received. If however, a first Office Action has been issued, Applicant makes the following statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e).

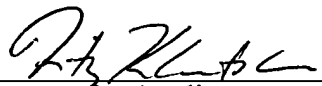
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It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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